

Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2006
Host: DuPont Experimental Station

The regular meeting of the NCC LEPC was held on the above noted date and place. Bruce Galloway introduced Moe Richards, the Manager at the Experimental Station, who gave an excellent presentation on the DuPont X-station's Safety Health & Environmental Program. Chairman Irwin thanked the Experimental Station for the very significant contributions they make on a daily basis to the LEPC, NCCIHMRA and the entire safety and emergency response effort. A round of introductions was then held.

Standing Committee Reports:

Finance: Sue Anderson noted that the LEPC budget for FY'06 is on track. The FY'07 budget and work plan has been developed and will be presented to the LEPC under new business.

Training: NCCIHMRA/Mark Dolan reported that the 2006 NCCIHMRA training schedule is underway. The first session was held on Feb. 21 and 23, 2006, at the Elsmere Fire Co. Prevention and response to suicide bombing incidents was the first course presented. Concepts of toxicity of industrial chemicals & monitoring will be presented on March 14 and 16. Bruce Galloway developed the course.

Staff Report: Bill McCracken presented the staff report which is attached. Since the SERC meeting and the LEPC meeting were in close proximity, the same attached report was utilized.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tier II Manager: Bill McCracken reported that one of the major problems (that of defining a target area in the event the DENS system is used) is near resolution. Train-the-trainer classes will be held on April 24, 2006, at NCC's Government Center, 87 Reads Way, New Castle. AM session is 10-12:00 and PM session is 1-3:00. If you are interested, e-mail Sarah King at Sarah.King@state.de.us to sign up.

March 8 SERC Meeting: Jim Kenney noted that a) HMEP funding will be increased next year, possibly as much as 70%, and b) the RAD plan will become an annex to the SERT plan.

BP Update: The U.S. Supreme Court has referred the jurisdictional dispute between DE and NJ to a Court Master. When this happens there is usually a long delay in a decision, possibly two years... The LNG project is on hold pending resolution.

NEW BUSINESS:

FY 2007 Budget: Bill McCracken presented the FY 2007 Budget which is attached. It was noted the consultants' fees have remained the same for the fourth budget year. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the budget and send to the SERC for review. The approximate "carryover" amount is \$20,300 at this time. Sue Anderson will supply figures to the SERC by April 15, 2006.

Consultant Contracts: It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to extend the contracts of consultants, McCracken and Kenney, for an additional six month period.

State Bureau of Identification Fee: Bruce Galloway raised the issue that there is now a \$30 fee to have the necessary review for new technician-level volunteers for the NCCIHMR. A discussion was held and a motion passed that the LEPC would pay the fee for new members only. There is money available for this now and there is a line item in the FY 2007 budget to continue funding this.

EPA Conference: NCC LEPC and City of Wilmington LEPC have been invited to participate in the activities of the Host Committee for the EPA Emergency Preparedness Conference to be held December 3 – 6, 2006, at the Valley Forge Convention Center. Jim Kenney attended a meeting of the group on March 3, 2006. Four volunteers per day will be needed from our group. This will be an interesting endeavor, so please keep the dates available and plan to volunteer a day.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Jay Brabson of DNREC reported that the Kent County LEPC will be holding a Security Seminar on April 27, 2006, at the Dover Sheraton. An information and registration form is included with these minutes. Their past seminars have been very informative.

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A question was asked about port activities and the LEPC. The Port of Wilmington is in the City of Wilmington and the Wilmington LEPC follows that activity.

It was reported that the Delaware State Fire School has its Virtual Reality trainer on line. We hope to schedule a demonstration at a future meeting.

Sam Palermo asked if there was any possibility there could be a process whereby "chips" used in chemical monitoring equipment could be inventoried on a database with their location noted. They then could be made available to whatever organization needed a particular chip. Bill McCracken will check to see if Tier II Manager can be utilized for this purpose.

NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING:

Host: Sunoco
Date and Time: May 8, 2006 at 2:30 PM
Location: The Waterfall in Claymont, DE
Directions will be sent with agenda.